31.	Shri Krishne Ojha	23,800/-
32.	Shri Dharam Veer	23,800/-
33.	Shri Ravinder Kumar	23,800/-
34.	Shri Budh Dev Kumar	23,800/-
35.	Shri Sanjay	23,800/-
36.	Shri Subhash Kumar	23,800/-
37.	Shri Jai Kumar Rane	23,800/-

WHO warning of carcinogens and Lung Cancer

692. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Health Organisation (W.H.O.) has recently warned of the connection between carcinogens found in diesel exhaust and lung cancer;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to check the worsening pollution menace of 2.7 million vehicles plying on the roads of Delhi and emitting toxic fumes;

(c) whether any study has been conducted to find out the people, particularly the school children, suffering from lung related problem in Delhi; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to crack down on the polluting vehicles in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) No, Sir. However, WHO has reported that the International Agency for Cancer Research has evaluated the carcinogenic risk to humans from diesel and gasoline emission and that the Agency concluded that diesel exhaust may be associated with lung and bladder cancer and it has been classified as "probably" carcinogenic to humans (Group 2A).

(b) The steps taken by the Government to reduce pollution include the following:—

(i) Low lead petrol has been introduced in the 4 metro cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai with effect from June, 1994. Subsequently, unleaded petrol was introduced in the above mentioned four cities on 1.4.1995; and

(ii) The Government is implementing a major plan of action for introduction of unleaded petrol and catalytic converter fitted vehicles and introduction of low sulphur diesel for cleaner diesel vehicles in a phased manner. Fuel quality standards for petrol and diesel have been notified.

(iii) Health Education.

(c) In a sample survey conducted by the Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute in nine randomly selected Delhi schools it was inter-alia found that the prevalence of asthma was 12%. The Indian Council of Medical Research has reported that there is no direct evidence to suggest that air pollution by itself can be the cause of asthma Allergens like pollen, house-dust and certain food articles can however trigger off Asthma attacks.

(d) The Government of Delhi has taken the following steps to crack down on the polluting vehicles in Delhi:—

(i) Four wheelers fitted with Catalytic convertors are only being registered in Delhi from 1.4.1995.

(ii) Strict enforcement of vehicular pollution standards and subsequent penal action is being taken against the defaulter.

(iii) With a view to control air pollution caused due to old vehicles, a comprehensive phasing out of old vehicles more than 15—20 years is being carried out from 2.10.1998 to 31.12.1998.

ड्राप्सी से प्रभावित लोगों को मुआवजा

693. प्रो॰ रामगोपाल यादव:
श्री सूर्यभान पाटील वहाडणे:
श्री ईश दत्त यादव:

क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) दिल्ली में मिलावटी तेल के उपभोग से कितने व्यक्तियों की मौतें हुईं और किन-किन अस्पतालों में कितने-कितने मरीजों को दाखिल किया गया था तथा उनमें से कितने लोग स्वस्थ हो गए और कितने लोगों की मौत हो गई;

(ख) क्या मृतकों के परिवारजनों को कोई वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान की गई है; यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और